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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

FROM: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Gray in Response to his Letter of 25 March.

1. Following Admiral Souers' advice, which was reported in my memorandum for record dated 31 March, I called Mr. Gordon Gray on the telephone in Chapel Hill and told him that I was calling in connection with the questions raised in his letter. Mr. Gray began by saying that he had received a letter from President Truman in which the President had indicated that he considered it inadvisable to publish the report at this time and that he was further considering Mr. Gray's recommendations. The letter also indicated the possibility that the President might find some suitable occasion to make a public statement on the subject of psychological warfare, in which case he would draw upon portions of Mr. Gray's report to him. Mr. Gray said that under the circumstances he would have no thought but to follow the President's wishes. He said that he might call upon the President, if he is able to arrange for an appointment, on or about Friday, 11 April, for the purpose of discussing the recommendations in the report with the President.

2. Mr. Gray agreed with me that, in light of the President's decision against publication, the question of language changes in his report becomes relatively academic. He relieved me of the request in his letter to deal with this matter other than perhaps by a casual discussion the next time we happen to meet.

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I reported the result of my conversation with Mr. Gray to Admiral Souers who seemed to be well pleased. I explained that I had followed his advice successfully and that Mr. Gray had agreed that there was no point in pressing for a detailed consideration of language changes in the report. Admiral Souers commented that Mr. Gray was in his opinion a completely honorable and reliable man who would not under the circumstances do other than comply with the President's wishes. He said that he saw no reasons why Mr. Gray should not talk to the President along the lines indicated by Mr. Gray.

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